

CSAF: Pocket cards may assist against attacks

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WASHINGTON — In light of recent terrorist activities, and with the threat of more on the horizon, Air Force leaders developed an informational pocket card on potential biological and chemical attacks.

The threat of terrorism and our heightened security measures have made these very stressful times for all of us," said Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff. "Even though we may not know what the future holds, it is our responsibility to prepare for the full spectrum of threats and possible terrorist actions."

Some actions may include chemical and biological events, Jumper said.

Although the card is not meant to answer all questions when dealing with biological and chemical agents, Jumper said it is "very basic and easy to carry," and might help someone survive when faced with an emergency situation.

The card, scheduled to be delivered Air Force-wide by the end of the month via the medical community, gives guidance for actions after attacks in both indoor and outdoor situations.

An electronic version has also been distributed to command and medical leadership to be used for local duplication and to ensure widest dissemination.

"It is imperative that our people have this information close at hand to help them be prepared to take basic protective measures when dealing with a chemical or biological exposure," Jumper said.

For more information, people should contact their base disaster preparedness office, local civil defense office, or public health authorities.

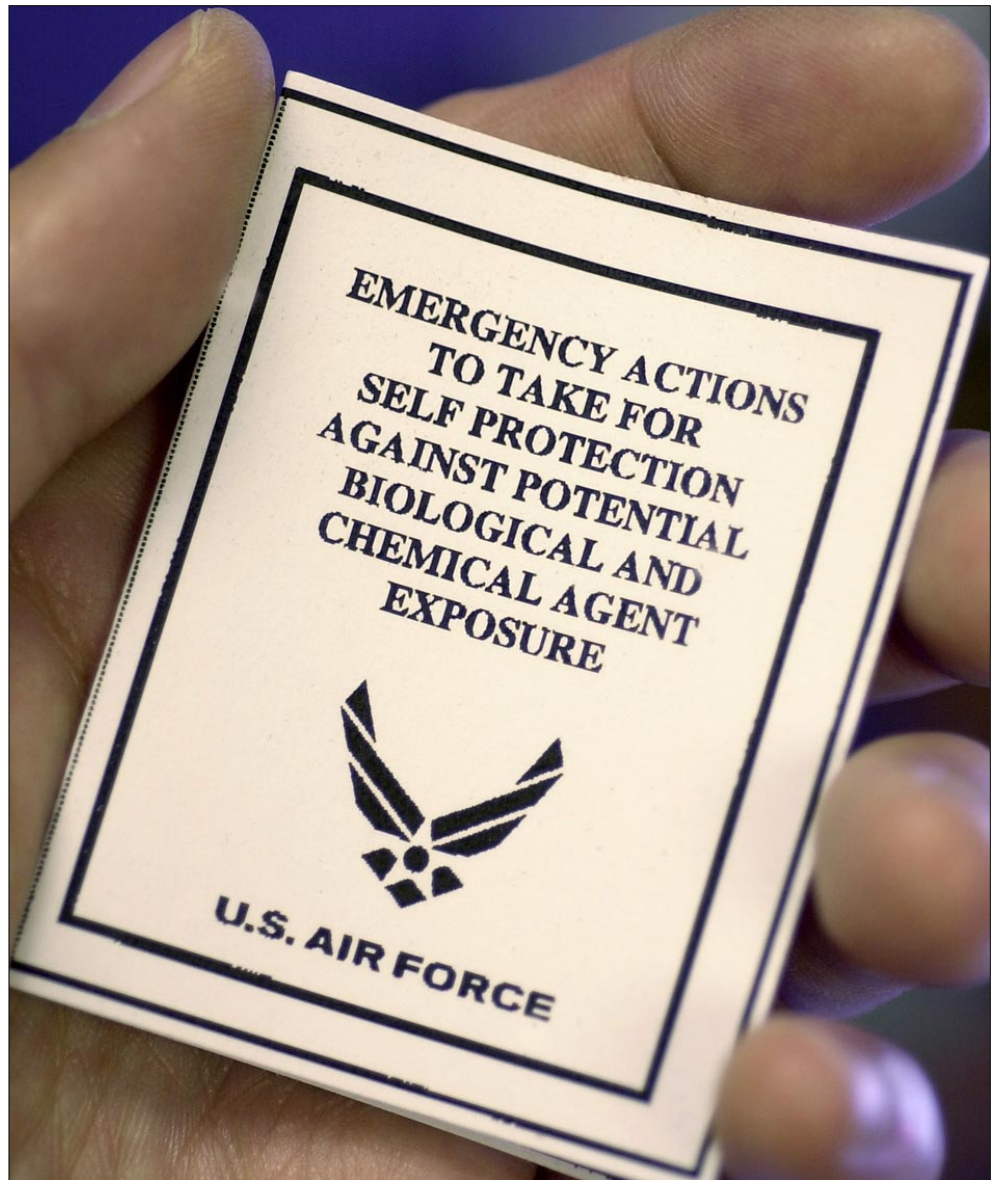


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Varheygi

Air Force leaders plan to distribute an informational pocket card, like the one pictured, Air Force-wide to inform people about actions to take after biological and chemical attacks.

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their unit or by the actual individual.

Be sure to write the expected date and departure time and the type of aircraft so PERSCO can address any issues for that particular departure date.

Once the outprocessing form is complete, return it to the PERSCO office with one copy of your orders. They will provide any specific information regarding your departure.

Departing personnel will report to the Joint Reception Center with all personal baggage four hours prior to takeoff. Check with PERSCO to find out about transportation from tent city to the JRC.

From there, passengers will go through customs outprocessing for Egypt.

People heading to the United States will go through a U.S. Customs inspection to claim any purchased items leaving the country and for baggage inspection. The baggage will

then be palletized and sent to TALCE.

Personnel must wait at the JRC until the aircraft is ready for boarding.

Because large bags will be stored on the aircraft for the duration of the trip, personnel are encouraged to bring a small carry-on bag with one change of clothes and toiletries for overnight travel, a light jacket or sweater and pillow for the trip. A good book and a stack of CDs or small games can make the trip more enjoyable. Have a safe flight home.